

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3, 19, 21, 45, 62, 69, 79 and 92 that were pending in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/029148 have been amended, and new claim 94 and 95 were added to correspond the claims pending in this application with the claims filed with the Substitute Sheets providing certain modified and new claims in the underlying PCT application. Claim amendments were not made for any reason relating to patentability thereof. Accordingly, claims 1-95 are now under consideration in the above-identified application. No new matter has been added to the present application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/029148 includes an International Search Report dated March 22, 2005, a copy of which is included. The Search Report includes a list of document(s) that have been considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application. Enclosed herewith, please also find a copy of the PCT Written Opinion for the International Application No. PCT/US2004/029148 dated March 22, 2005.

In addition, enclosed herewith, please find Amendment under Article 34 And Reply To PCT Written Opinion and Substitute Sheet providing amended and new claims for the application filed in response to the Written Opinion on August 23, 2005. Further, the PCT Preliminary Examination Report for the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/029148 dated October 24, 2005 is also enclosed.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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